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DEAR BERT:
THE LAST LETTER I RECEIVED FROM YOU WAS FROM THE SHIP GOING ACROSS IN OCTOBER 1944. SO I WILL AT THIS TIME ENDEAVOR TO ANSWER IT.
WELL, WHEN I LEFT YOU I WENT UP TO BALO, WHERE I WAS STAYING, AND SHAVED, BATHED, AND ATE. THEN I WENT TO A TRANSIT CAMP WHERE I STAYED 2 DAYS, AWAITING MY A.IR TRAVEL ORDERS. I FLEW TO THE NEXT ISLAND, STAYED THERE 1 NIGHT, AND UNABLE TO GET A RIDE HERE, BECAUSE OF WEATHER I TOOK A RIDE TO P.I. WE BROKE DOWN HALF WAY THERE, AND HAD TO SPEND A NIGHT WITH THE NAVY. I SPENT TWO DAYS IN THE P.I., AND SAW LT.COL. BOB DAVIS AND CALLED COL. WILSON. YOU OUGHT TO WRITE BOTH, AS LORRE HAS THE ADDRESSES. BOB WAS SORRY HE MISSED YOU, AND GOT ME ON THE FIRST PLANE HERE. I WAS GONE 15 DAYS AND FLEW 5,000 MILES ON 2 B-25'S AND 5 C-47'S. WE LEFT THE PERIMETER AND ARE NOW FINISHING UP TWO WEEKS TRAINING.
I HAD TO TELL OF MY TRIP SO MANY TIMES, I TYPED THE STORY ON 5 PAGES, AND LET EVERY ONE READ IT. I SAW DOOLEY AND PETE ROSS, BITTNER, FROM U OF A, AND W.S. GREGORY, AND TOLD THEM ALL ABOUT IT. BOY, I AM THE MOST

POPULAR AND TALKED ABOUT MAN FOR THE
OUTFIT. ALSO HAD A BIG BULL-SESSION WITH
DISNEY. SAW ONE OF THE HARDIN BOYS TO-DAY,
THE FIRST SERGEANT. WENT TO SEE SQUARE
ADAMS, BUT HE HAS BEEN EVACUATED WITH
JUNGLE ROT. HE IS DOWN TO ABOUT 260 LBS.
NOW.

BERT, DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME A GOOD,
PREFERABLY A RONSON WHIRLWIND, AS
SOON AS YOU CAN. RIGHT?

WENT OUT ON AN OVER-NIGHT BIVOUAC
LAST NIGHT, WITH A PROBLEM. IT RAINED ALL
NIGHT, JUST AS IT HAS THE PAST MONTH, AND
WE WALKED IN MUD AND CROSSED A RIVER
THAT WAS UP TO OUR WAIST, SWIFT, AND COLD
AS ICE. THEN WE WALKED THE 18 MILES
BACK TO CAMP, 9 A.M. TILL 2:00 P.M. BOY,
THAT WAS ROUGH AND HOT.

BING CROSBY IS CROONING AWAY
NOW. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE
IN NORTHINGTON? IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
ISN'T IT? MARGARET ELLA FINNEL WAS WORKING
OUT THERE WHEN I WAS HOME IN DEC/43. DO
YOU GET TO GO HOME EVERYDAY AND NIGHT?

LET ME KNOW IF THE AMOUNT OF DADDY'S
CASH WAS RIGHT! REMEMBER I TOLD YOU
ABOUT YOUR ALOTMENT OF $125.00? WAS
I RIGHT ABOUT IT?

REMEMBER I TOLD YOU THEY WOULD
TAKE YOU TO WASHINGTON TO G-2 YOU?
WELL, THEY DID, LOTTIE SAYS. DID YOU FLY
THERE IN A C-54? WASN'T THE DOCTOR,

A MAJOR, THE ONE IN YOUR CABIN THAT HAD
HIS BROTHER COME UP TO SEE HIM,
NAMED HUBBARD? I READ OF YOUR RELEASE
IN FEB 12 TIME, AND IT MENTIONED HIM.
AND KATZ, THAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.

A WAR DEPT. NEWS CORRESPONDENT
CAME BY TO INTERVIEW ME LAST WEEK,
AND I GRANTED HIM 30 MINUTES OF
MY TIME.

I HOPE YOU HAVE STARTED WORKING ON
YOUR BOOK, AND DON'T PUT IT OFF. DID YOU
SEE VEO AND JENNY IN WASHINGTON?

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD &
WRITE SOON!

Chink

P.S. MAZALTOV ON YOUR PROMOTION, AND HOPE
YOU GET ANOTHER SOON!

H.B.